

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Chin for granting the interview of December 19, 2005 and for his time spent in the interview.

Claims 4-23 were previously pending in the application. Claims 4 and 6-12 are canceled; leaving claims 5, 13-23 for consideration. Claims 4-12 and 16-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species.

Claim 18 is amended to address the claim objection noted in the Official Action.

Claims 13-15 and 23 were rejected as anticipated by NEWELL 5,066,527. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

As pointed out at the interview, claim 13 recites that an inner and a folded over outer layer are connected together along a central or substantially central portion of the outer layer. As suggested at the interview, claim 13 is amended to clarify that the connection extends through the inner and outer layers.

As agreed at the interview, the connection of NEWELL is at the sides of the outer layers and does not extend through the inner and outer layers at a central portion.

As the reference does not disclose that which is recited, the anticipation rejection is untenable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Independent claim 14 is amended along the lines of claim 13. The analysis above regarding claim 13 is equally applicable to claim 14.

Independent claim 15 is amended along the lines of claim 14. The analysis above regarding claim 14 is equally applicable to claim 15. A difference between claims 14 and 15 is that in claim 15, there are at least two outer layers that are connected together with the inner layer to form a sandwich, as opposed to an outer layer folded over to form an upper and lower outer layer that is filled with an inner layer to form a sandwich.

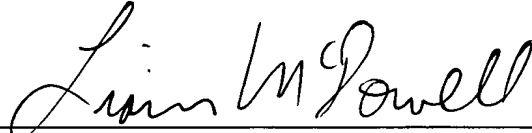
Withdrawn claims 16-22 should be examined and allowed as part of the present application because these claims at least include all of the limitations of one of claims 13, 14 or 15.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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